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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR GUESTS OF MR. BUSH

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1. NOTE SENT TO MFA FOR GUESTS LISTED REFTEL ON JANUARY 10.
MR. BUSH SENDING RIPLEYS AND AUSTINS A LETTER OF INVITATION.

2. FYI. WE FIND IT AMUSING THAT PRCLO STATES THAT IT CANNOT
EVEN ISSUE VISA APPLICATION FORMS UNTIL USLO HAS NOTIFIED MFA OF
INVITATION.

3. THE QUESTION OF PERSONAL INVITATIONS AND HOW THE CHINESE
SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IS ONE WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH OTHER MISSIONS ANDWITH

CHINESE. SOME MISSIONS SEND NOTES, SOME DO NOT, SOME DO ONLY IN
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. THE CHINESE NEVER REPLIED DIRECTLY TO OUR INQUIRY, BUT IN

AN OPAQUE NOTE SENT TO ALL MISSIONS ON NOVEMBER 5, THE CONSULAR
DEPARTMENT INFORMED, "WHEN THE PERSONNEL OF THE US LIAISON OFFICE
IN CHINA ARE INVITING THEIR RELATIVES OR FRIENDS TO COME TO CHINA
TO SEE THEM AS THEIR HOUSEGUESTS OR TRAVEL IN CHINA, PLEASE ASK THEM
TO PUT IN THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS TO THE PRC EMBASSIES, CONSULAR
OFFICES OF THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE IN THE US AND WAIT IN PLACE
FOR THE ANSWER."

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5. OUR PRESENT FORMULA IS TO "INFORM" THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE INVITATION AND TO ASK IT TO "INFORM THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES." WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT HAS NO VOICE IN THE DECISION TO ISSUE OR NOT ISSUE A VISA AND ACTS ONLY AS A MAIL BOX. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO THE AUTHORITIES ARE WHO MAKE THE DECISION BUT WE SUSPECT THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU HAS A MAJOR VOICE. END FYI.
BUSH

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